

June 1, 2006

LIGHTNING 6 NOTE #4—VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

Volunteers are the lifeblood of our Tropic Lightning family and our community. We owe them the recognition and gratitude they deserve for giving of their time and talents. We also owe them a renewed effort to recognize them and give us the opportunity to publicly render our appreciation. To accomplish this, each quarter every company will submit a nominee for their battalion to subsequently select as a nomination for the Brigade volunteer awardees. The first nomination period is from April-June 2006.

The brigades have the opportunity to select two awardees, one for each of the following awards:

- Military Spouse Tropic Lightning "Ali'l" Award for contributions to their organization and/or program in the military community.
- Military Spouse Tropic Lightning "Lokahi" Award for contributions to their organization and/or program in the Oahu community. The Lokahi Award reaches a broader range of volunteering.

Brigade nominations are due to ACS no later than 7 Jul 06. Agency nominations are due to ACS no later than 30 Jun 06. The next Quarterly Volunteer Ceremony is scheduled for 28 July 2006 from 1400-1430 hours in the Division headquarters Command Conference Room.

The subsequent Volunteer Recognition Ceremonies will be held on 27 October at 0930 - 1000 hours, and 26 January at 1400 - 1430 hours in the Command Conference Room. Brigade nominations will be due to ACS no later than 21 days prior to these ceremonies.

Tropic Lightning!

Benjamin R. Mixon

Major General, US Army

Commanding